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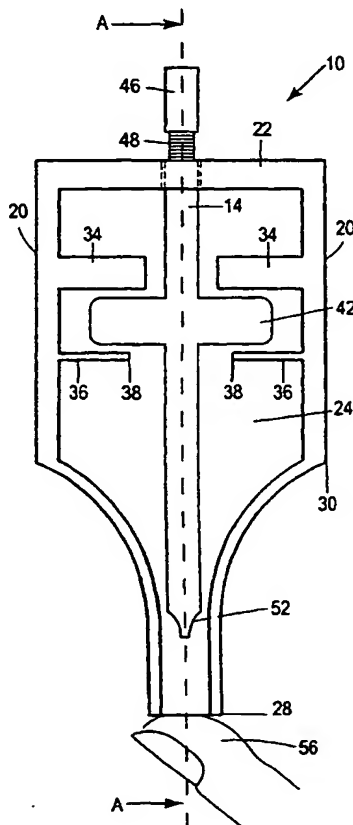
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(54) Title: DISPOSABLE LANCET DEVICE



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a disposable lancet device which may be used to pierce human skin sufficiently to let a small quantity of blood for testing. It comprises a lancet housing (12), a lancet body (14) displaceably supported by the housing (12) and having a piercing tip (52) which is concealed within the housing (12) in a rest position of the body (14). It also comprises operating means (46) for manually displacing the lancet body (14) to expose the piercing tip (52). It includes biasing means (36) against which the lancet body (14) operates as it is manually displaced to expose the piercing tip (52), whereby the biasing means (36) automatically retracts the lancet body (14) to its rest position when the manual displacement force is removed from the operating means (46). Disabling the operating means (46) prevents manual displacement of the lancet body (14) from its rest position.

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